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SUBJ: LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING FOR KUWAITI POLICE

REF: A. KUWAIT 3122 B. STATE 190017 C. KUWAIT 3381

D. TEHRAN 8395

1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED CONTENTS REFTEL B WITH COL. ISSA SHUWAIB WHO PROVED TO BE FULLY CONVERSANT WITH RECENT HISTORY PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM. HE WAS CLEARLY AWARE OF ITS POLITICAL RAMIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND. HOWEVER, IT WAS APPARENT HE WAS NOT PLEASED WITH SUGGESTIONS MADE IN REFTEL. COL. SHUQAIB DOES NOT DESIRE APPROACH OF SAUDI GOVERNMENT VIS-A-VIS NORTH-WESTERN UNIVERSITY PROGRAM. HE PREFERS TO PLACE 2-3 OFFICERS IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS E.G. LA COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT, DADE COUNTY POLICE DEPT., ETC., SO THAT KUWAITIS WILL MIX WITH AMERICANS, THUS GAINING MAXIMUM INPUT OF PROGRAM. COL. SHUWAIB WISHES TRAINING TO BE PRACTICAL AND DOES NOT WANT TRAINING GEARED SPECIFICALLY TO KUWAIT. COL. SHUWAIB'S RESPONSE TO KUWAIT EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, CONTACTING IACP NON-COMMITTAL. HIS COMMENTS LEAD RSO TO BELIEVE KUWAIT EMBASSY WOULD OR COULD NOT GIVE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO PROGRAM.

2. ON AUGUST 25, RSO WAS CONTACTED BY COL. AL-QABANDI, OIC, CID, GOK CONCERNING TRAINING FOR CID PERSONNEL. COL. QABANDI  
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WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN NARCOTICS PROGRAM THRU DEA.

POST HAS SUBSEQUENTLY QUERIED SAID GREEN, TEHRAN, WHO IN TURN HAS PASSED COL. QABANDI'S REQUEST TO WASHINGTON (REFTELD). COL. QABANDI ALSO WISHES TRAINING FOR VIP PROTECTION THRU USSS, OR EQUALLY COMPETENT AGENCY, PROVIDING SUCH A COURSE EXISTS. RSO WAS CONTACTED FOLLOWING DAY AND ALSO ASKED IF ASSISTANCE COULD BE GIVEN IN OBTAINING TRAINING FOR A JUVENILE DELINQUENCY PROGRAM.

3. COMMENT: WE THINK KUWAITI REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE SHOW AN ENCOURAGING DESIRE WITHIN GOK TO IMPROVE ITS POLICE CAPABILITIES. OFFICIALS INVOLVED WANT PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE IN HELPING GOK DEVELOPE ABILITY TO SOLVE RANGE OF PROBLEMS, MANY RATHER NEW, THAT REFLECT GROWING IMPORTANCE OF KUWAIT AND INCREASING COMPLEXITY OF LIFE HERE. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT COOPERATION OF APPROPRIATE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL AGENCIES WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO GOK POLICE AUTHORITIES AND IN PROCESS WOULD BE POSITIVE FACTOR IN US-KUWAITI RELATIONS. GIVEN OUR OWN CONCERNS WITH RESPECT TO SECURITY, NARCOTICS, VIP PROTECTION AND THE LIKE WE BELIEVE US INTERESTS HERE COULD BENEFIT FROM MORE CAPABLE AND PROFESSIONAL KUWAITI POLICE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY, THEREFORE, REQUESTS THAT SYMPATHETIC CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SPECIFIC KUWAIT REQUESTS. AS NOTED, TEHRAN (REF D) HAS ALREADY RAISED MATTER OF NARCOTICS PROGRAM. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS RE VIP AND JUVENILE DELIQUENCY PROGRAMS. RE COL. SHUWAIB'S REQUEST, EMBASSY NEA/ARP CONSULT WITH SY (SO THAT LATTER OFFICE UNDERSTANDS BROADER POLITICAL ASPECTS OF COOPERATION). DESPITE COL. SHUWAIB'S NON-COMMITAL RESPONSE TO SUGGESTION THAT IACP BE CONTACTED, WE THINK IT PROBABLY IS BEST ORGANIZATION TO FORWARD REQUEST TO MANY SEPERATE LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENTS. QUESTION IS WHETHER IACP CAN, IN FACT, ACCOMMODATE KUWAITI REQUEST. PERHAPS NEA/ARP COULD INITIATE CONTACT WITH IACP, AND , DEPENDING ON ITS VIEWS, EMBASSY COULD FOLLOW WITH MORE DETAILED EXPLANATION OF COL. SHUWAIB'S DESIRES.

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